

HO-122

Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House
15282 Roxbury Road
Private

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Significance:

The Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House is located on a corner of what was, in the mid-nineteenth century, part of Stephen B. Dorsey, Sr.'s, farm (HO-11). Dorsey married Sally Elizabeth Owings in 1842, and shortly after his marriage he began acquiring various tracts of land in the area, eventually assembling a large estate. The history of all these land transactions has not been fleshed out, so it is not known when he acquired the tract with this tenant house, but it was part of the 800 acres of land that was subdivided by his heirs after his death in 1872. Lot 1 of the subdivision was located on the west side of Roxbury Road and included this tenant house, and it was awarded to Stephen B. Dorsey, Jr. It seems more likely that this was a tenant house for part of one of Dorsey's farms. While it is difficult to be certain, it seems most likely that the house was built in c. 1830-60. Dorsey, Jr., split off the tenant house with five acres in 1932 and sold it to Walter Tobringer, who sold the property in 1958 to Russell and Janeva Maisel. It was reportedly the Maisels who were responsible for the additions on the south side and west, or rear. In the process, significant changes were made to the interior. In 2009 the additions were removed from the house and a new addition constructed on the rear.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House
other Russell Maisel's Stone House

2. Location

street and number 15282 Roxbury Road not for publication
city, town Glenelg X vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Craig & Roberta Garrison-Mogren
street and number 15282 Roxbury Road telephone 410-489-0851
city, town Glenelg state MD zip code 21737

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 9992 folio 550
city, town Ellicott City tax map 21 tax parcel 27 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				2	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Description:

The Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House is located at 15282 Roxbury Road, on the west side of the road and just south of the intersection with Dorsey Mill Road, in south-western Howard County, Maryland. The property includes a stone house and a log outbuilding. A stream runs along the north side of the parcel, with several springs to the east of the house. There is a stone fence along the road to the east, and another one to the west of the house and addition, that runs towards the west.

House, exterior

The house faces east toward the road on a wooded site that slopes down to the north, and the house is banked into the hill on the west and south sides, with an exposed basement on the east and north elevations. The house is a one-story, three-bay by two-bay rubble stone structure with quoining and traces of white paint on the stone. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. There is a boxed cornice and an interior brick chimney on the north gable end.

The east elevation has a center doorway with a Dutch door made of V-groove vertical boards on the bottom and a six-light sash on the top, in the basement. The door frame has ovolos on the inner edge. The doorway has a stone sill and stone lintel. There is a six-over-six sash to each side, in plain mitered frames, with a wood sill and a stone lintel. There are new board shutters on 19th-century cast iron hinges that have a locking mechanism. The first story has three typical six-over-six sash. The center bay has several squared stones below the sill, in line with the jambs, indicating that this opening was originally a doorway. The stone has all been re-pointed. There is no clear evidence of a porch here. Near the southeast corner is a stone with a notch in it that could have been a pocket. It is set just above the basement window lintel and is in line with a stone that has a notch in it and is set between the south and center bays, but there is nothing to the north of this that would indicate another pocket for a porch joist.

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On the north elevation, the basement has two six-light casements that appear to have been cut through at a later date. The jambs have stones set on their side and there are no sills or lintels. The frames have an ovolo on the inner edge and have cast iron hinges for shutters. There are no openings on the first story. In the gable end the east bay has a one-light sash that replaces a casement, and the west bay has a four-light casement with a wood sill and a stone lintel. On the west elevation the basement is set into the hill, and there is a modern brick addition on the center and south bays of the first story that is to be demolished for a new addition. The north bay has a typical six-over-six sash. The south elevation has a CMU addition to the west and a 20th-century brick and stone addition in the center. The gable end of the main block has a typical six-over-six sash with a stone lintel.

House, interior

The basement has painted stone walls and a quarry tile floor. There are hewn joists that are very nicked up and they are hung on hangers with wire nails; according to the owners the Maisels replaced this entire floor above. There is a fireplace centered on the north wall that has a new raised brick hearth, splayed stone jambs, and a plain crane set in the west jamb. The casements that flank the fireplace have new sash. On the east elevation, the wood sash date from the 20th century, but the wood frames may be original. The windows have splayed jambs and the lintels have steel angle iron. The door in the center is hung on butt hinges with ball finials. The stairway to the first story is modern and is completely rebuilt, except for the newel post. It is turned and is square at the bottom and near the top where the railing meets, with a ball on top that has three reeds. This newel post is consistent with the circa 1890 to 1915 period. There is no opening on either the west or north elevations.

The first story is one room with a straight run of stairs along the west wall that ascends to the south. The floor is all new oak, and the walls are exposed stone that is painted. There is a fireplace centered on the north elevation, with a new raised brick hearth and splayed stone jambs. There is a stone lintel with iron beneath it and a small crane has been added to the fireplace. There is no clear evidence of nailing blocks in the wall. The windows have splayed jambs and hewn wood lintels. The wood sash date to the 20th century though the wood frames may be original. There are three windows on the east and one on the west, set to the north. There is a doorway on the west elevation, in the center, that has a hewn wood lintel. The door here is missing. The south elevation has a doorway that was probably cut through, with a narrow wood lintel of only 1-½ inches depth, and this lintel is a planed board. The opening has a 20th-century vertical-board door. The stairway has a plain closed stringer and a moulded handrail that dates to the 20th century. There is a square newel post with a ball that has been added to the top of it, and the ball has three reeds. The balusters alternate between square painted balusters and turned oak balusters. The bottom tread is oak and has been replaced, while the rest are pine and appear to be original. The west wall at the stairway is still parged. The stair has a winder at the top of it. It appears that this was an enclosed stairway that was opened up circa 1890 to 1915; the current plan for the renovation of this building is to remove this stairway. There is no evidence of a window in the south bay of the west wall.

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The west side of this wall, which is now covered by the addition, has had all of the stone re-pointed. There was never a window opening in the north bay. The doorway has a stone lintel, and the doorframe has an ovolo on the inner edge. It also has a stone sill.

The attic has one sash-sawn joist, but the rest are hewn. The stair trimmer is sash sawn and has nail holes suggesting that it was covered either by a fascia board or by a bead-board wall originally. The trimmer is mortised for center tenons on the ends of the joists. The rafters are sash sawn, are 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2- $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide by 4- $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep, and are spaced 23 to 24- $\frac{1}{2}$ inches on centers. The rafters have board sheathing and the feet have a birds-mouth cut that butts a 1-inch board false plate. The feet are generally set over top of the joists, and are fastened with cut nails. The rafter ridge joint is pegged, but the exact nature of the joint cannot be determined. The attic is mostly finished. There is wide random-width tongue-and-groove flooring that is face-nailed with cut nails. The casement windows on the north elevation are not mortised and tenoned and pinned, and appear to date from either the late 19th century or the early 20th century.

Outbuilding

There is a log outbuilding located about 12 feet north of the house, and it is banked slightly because the ground slopes down to the north. It is a one-story, one-bay square structure with V-notch corners, and has a gable roof with wood shingles and a north-south ridge. The gable ends have new board-and-batten siding. There is an addition on the west side made of hewn logs with square corner joints that are toe-nailed with wire nails. This addition has a shed roof and has a vertical board door on the south. The original structure has a vertical board door with new hardware on the south elevation, and there are no other openings. The roof is constructed with new dimensional lumber and there are no significant interior details. The south doorway has an earlier jamb board on the west side, and it is one log shorter than the present doorway. There is a pintel hole in one log on the west side and a staple in a log on the east side, indicating the door originally opened inward.

There is a circa 1950s one-story small house to the northwest of the stone house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1830-60

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House is located on a corner of what was, in the mid-nineteenth century, part of Stephen B. Dorsey, Sr.'s, farm (HO-11). Dorsey, the son of Humphrey and Rachel (Owings) Dorsey, was born in 1817 and married Sally Elizabeth Owings in 1842. Shortly after his marriage he began acquiring various tracts of land in the area, eventually assembling a large estate. The history of all these land transactions has not been fleshed out, so it is not known when he acquired the tract with this tenant house, but it was part of the 800 acres of land that was subdivided by his heirs after his death in 1872. Lot 1 of the subdivision was located on the west side of Roxbury Road and included this tenant house, and it was awarded to Stephen B. Dorsey, Jr. Since little is known about the Dorsey farm, it is hard to be certain about the use of this building. However, the single-cell plan, banked into a hill (on the south and west, in this case), is a common house type in Piedmont Maryland. Its use as a slave quarter has not been documented, and it seems more likely that it was a tenant house for part of one of Dorsey's farms. The full basement with a cooking fireplace, a second fireplace on the upper

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story (which was originally divided into two rooms), and the presence of a log outbuilding (probably originally a smokehouse) next to the house are all features that were not found in typically more spartan slave quarters, even when built of stone. The upper story had a doorway in the center bay, and must have had a porch here, though there is no surviving evidence to indicate what the porch must have looked like. Such a porch would have been unusual in a slave quarter, too.¹

There is little with which to date the building; however, the construction is consistent with c. 1820-1880. The reported use of cut nails in the roof framing, like those in the attic floor, would date to after 1820. The pegged ridge joint began to be replaced with a mitered and butted joint in the 1840s in Howard County, but remained in use longer in the Piedmont, into the 1870s. The birds-mouth cut at the rafter foot is rarely found in Howard County's tidewater-influenced architecture; it, too, was very common in the Piedmont and suggests, along with other features of the building, that the builder of the house may have come from the Frederick or Carroll County area, or even further north or west. The house could have been built by Stephen B. Dorsey, Sr. shortly after the Civil War to provide income after losing his enslaved labor force (assuming he had one, which is likely). Since we know so little about Dorsey and his farm, however, it is possible that he had one or more tenant farmers as one strategy to cultivate his 800 acres. It certainly would have been cheaper than purchasing the large number of slaves needed. The log outbuilding clearly relates to the stone house, and log construction was rare after c. 1860, so the presence of this building would suggest an earlier date for the house. While it is difficult to be certain, it seems most likely that the house was built in c. 1830-60.

Dorsey, Jr., split off the tenant house with five acres in 1932 and sold it to Walter Tobringer, Ambassador to Jamaica under President Lyndon B. Johnson. Tobringer sold the property in 1958 to Russell and Janeva Maisel. It was reportedly the Maisels who were responsible for the additions on the south side and west, or rear. In the process, significant changes were made to the interior. The plaster was removed from the walls, the first-story flooring and joists were replaced, the upper story partition wall was removed, and any woodwork on the fireplaces was removed. The enclosed stairway was opened up and several windows were added to the north elevation of the basement, too. In 2009 the additions were removed from the house and a new addition constructed on the rear. In the process an

¹ Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, v. 2 (Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 1971), pp. 202-03. Howard County Circuit Court, Equity 594, Maryland State Archives.

In addition to the historic sites inventory, see Celia M. Holland, *Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland* (Author, 1987), pp. 243-45.

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earlier wood-shingle roof was exposed, and the shingles were reportedly painted green. The original stairway was to be removed and replaced.²

² Cleora Barnes Thompson, "Russell Maisel's Stone House," HO-122, *Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties*, Maryland Historical Trust, [1976]. Roberta Garrison-Mogren to Ken Short, electronic mail, 9 September 2009.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.15 A
Acreage of historical setting 5.15 A
Quadrangle name Woodbine

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 21, parcel 27, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	January 2010
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

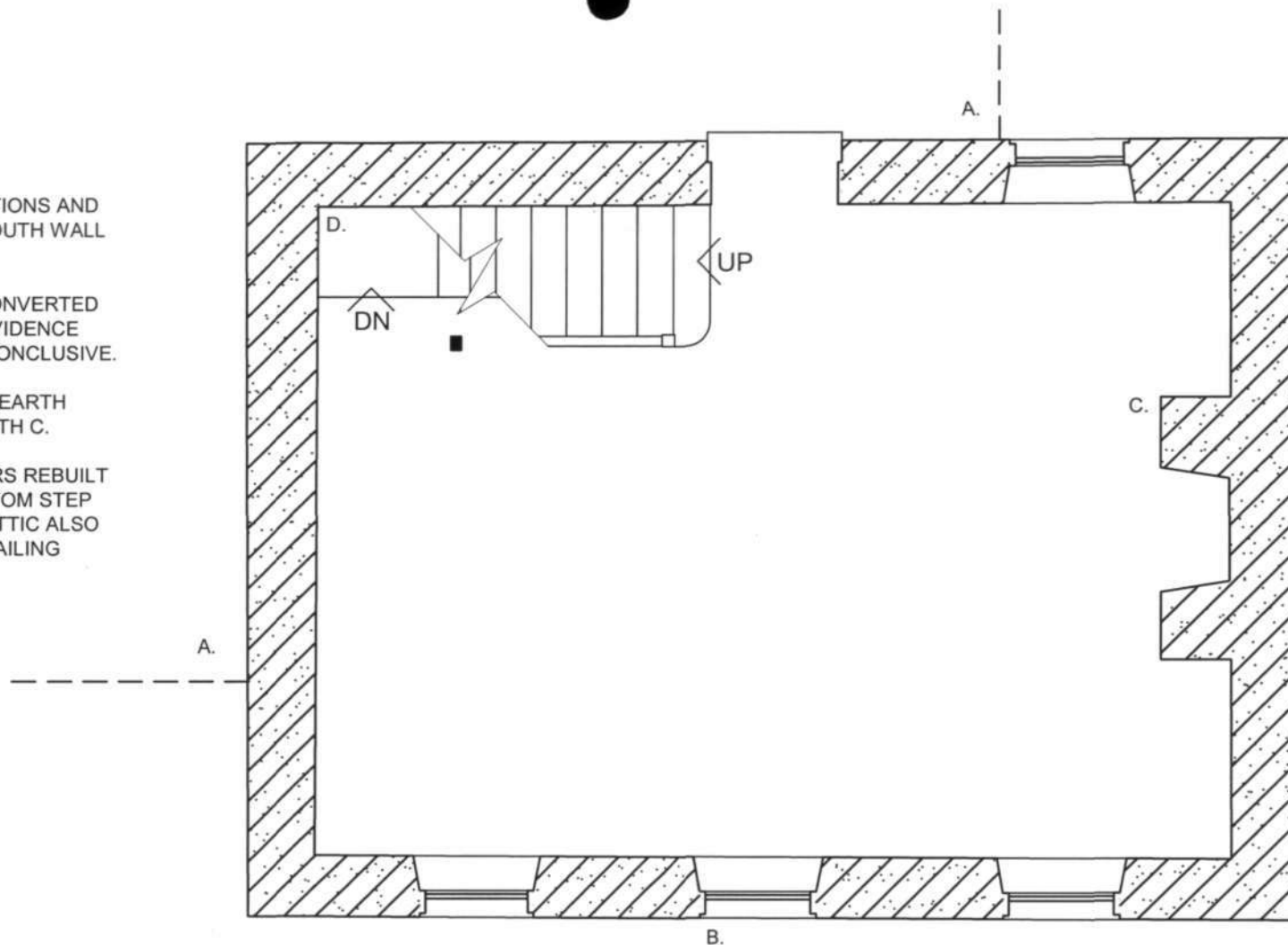
NOTES:

A. 20TH C. ADDITIONS AND
DOORWAY IN SOUTH WALL
NOT SHOWN.

B. DOORWAY CONVERTED
TO WINDOW. EVIDENCE
FOR PORCH INCONCLUSIVE.

C. FLOOR AND HEARTH
REPLACED IN 20TH C.

D. CELLAR STAIRS REBUILT
IN 20TH C. BOTTOM STEP
OF STAIRS TO ATTIC ALSO
REBUILT, AND RAILING
ALTERED.



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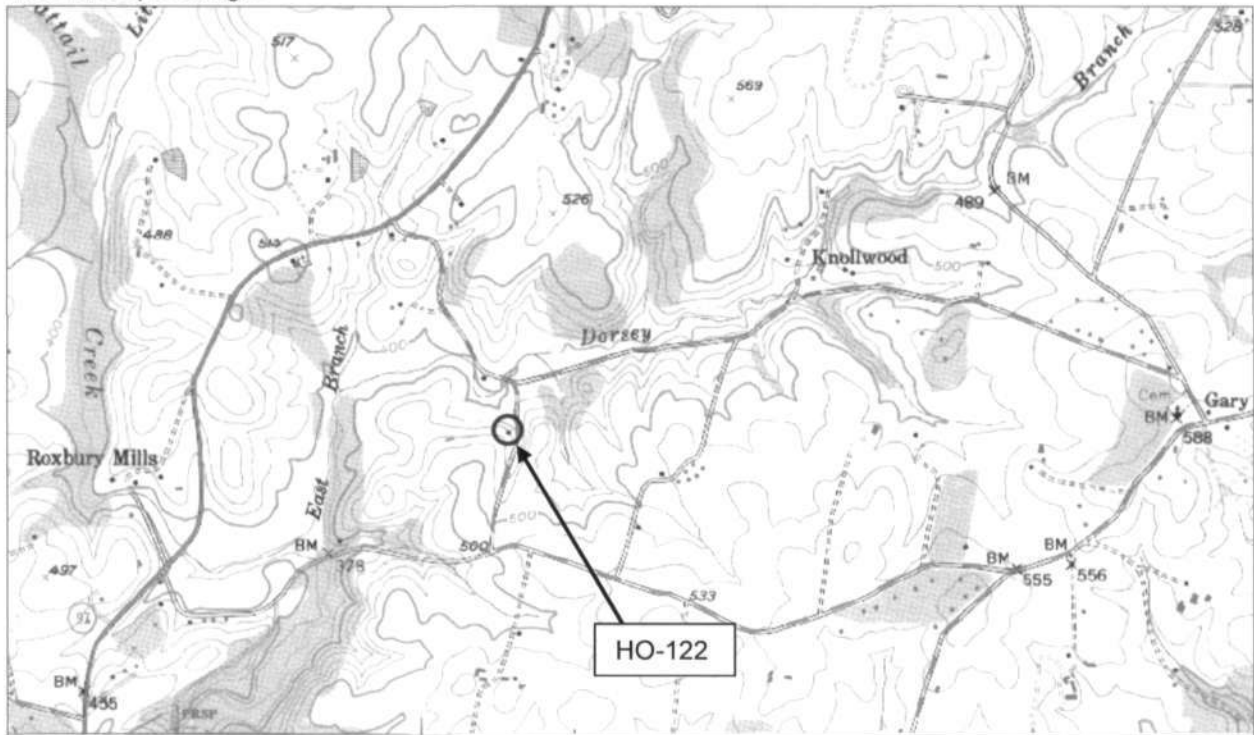
FIRST FLOOR PLAN -- MEASURED AND DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- FEBRUARY 2009

Stephen B. Dorsey F● Tenant House (HO-122)
15282 Roxbury Road
CHAIN OF TITLE

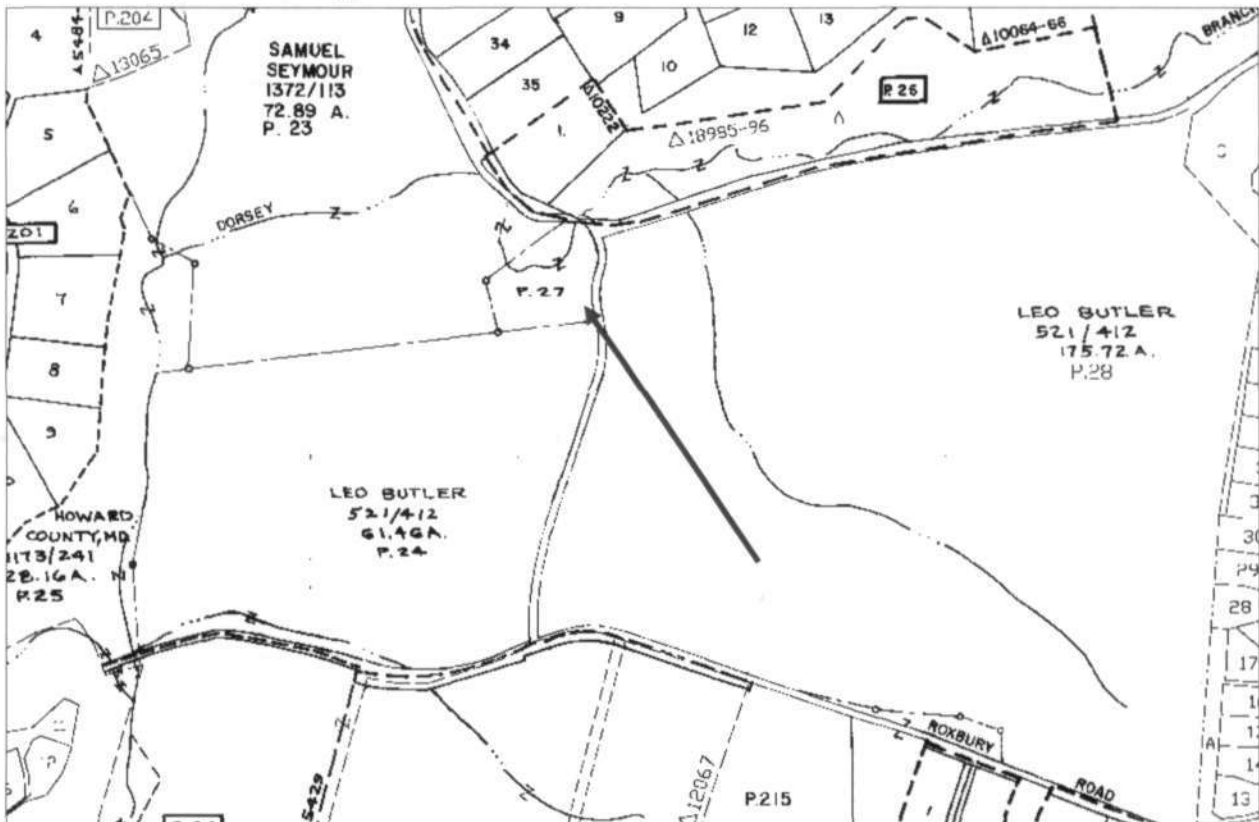
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Craig J. Thompson/?	Craig Garrison-Mogren Roberta Garrison- Mogren/?	3/28/2006	MDR 9992-550	Deed – Fee Simple	\$650,000	5.15 A. -.09 A.	
Russell S. & Mary Joan Maisel/?	Craig J. Thompson/?	1/31/2003	MDR 6919-21	Deed- Fee Simple	\$495,0000	5.15 A. -.09 A.	
Russell S. Maisel, Sr. & Janeva R. /? by personal reps. Russell S. Maisel, Jr. et al	Russell S. & Mary Joan Maisel (H/W)/?	6/27/2001	MDR 5569-464	Deed – Fee Simple	\$0	5.15 A.	RSM Sr. d. 8/25/60 JRM d. 12/20/99
Walter N. Tobringer & Wife Marianne L. /Howard	Russell S. Maisel, Sr. & Wife Janeva R./Howard	1/7/1958	RHM 309-254	Deed – Fee Simple	\$5.00	5.15 A.	
Stephen B. Dorsey & wife Mary Elizabeth/?	Walter N. Tobringer/?	11/29/1932	BM Jr. 145-30	Deed – Fee Simple	\$10.00	5.15 A.	p/o Duvall's Range p/o lot 1 in Equity 594 division of RE of Stephen B. Dorsey, dec'd -- to S.B.D. Jr. 11/18/1875

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Stephen B. Dorsey Farm Tenant House (Russell Maisel's Stone House)
15282 Roxbury Road, Glenelg
Woodbine quadrangle



Howard County Tax Map 21, parcel 27



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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, east elevation

HO-0122_2009-03-20_02
House, north & west elevations

HO-0122_2009-03-20_03
House, interior, vw. southwest

HO-0122_2009-03-20_04
Log outbuilding, south & east elevations



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House, East Elevation

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House, north & west Elevations

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House, interior, view southwest

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Stephen Boone Darsey Farm Tenant

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Howard County, MD

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Log outbuilding, south & east elevations

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Russell Maisel's Stone House Survey Number: HO-122
 Project: Replace Dorsey Mill Road Bridge Agency: FHWA/Howard County
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
 Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B XC D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This three bay by one bay, two story, stone house with gable roof was originally a portion of the Stephen Boone Dorsey Property. It is thought to date to circa 1780. In our opinion, the house is eligible under Criterion C as a good example of the modest stone dwellings which typically housed workers on large landholdings and which once dotted Howard County. Based on the available information, we believe the National Register historic property should include the southern portion of the 5.15 acre tax parcel, encompassing the house, log outbuildings and landscaped grounds. A modern rental house is located on the northern end of the property. Further work would be required to develop precise boundaries for the eligible portion of the property.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory
Form HO-122

Prepared by: Cleora Thompson

Elizabeth Hannold
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

January 27, 1997
 Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntz
 Reviewer, NR program

1/27/97
 Date

gms

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☒ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

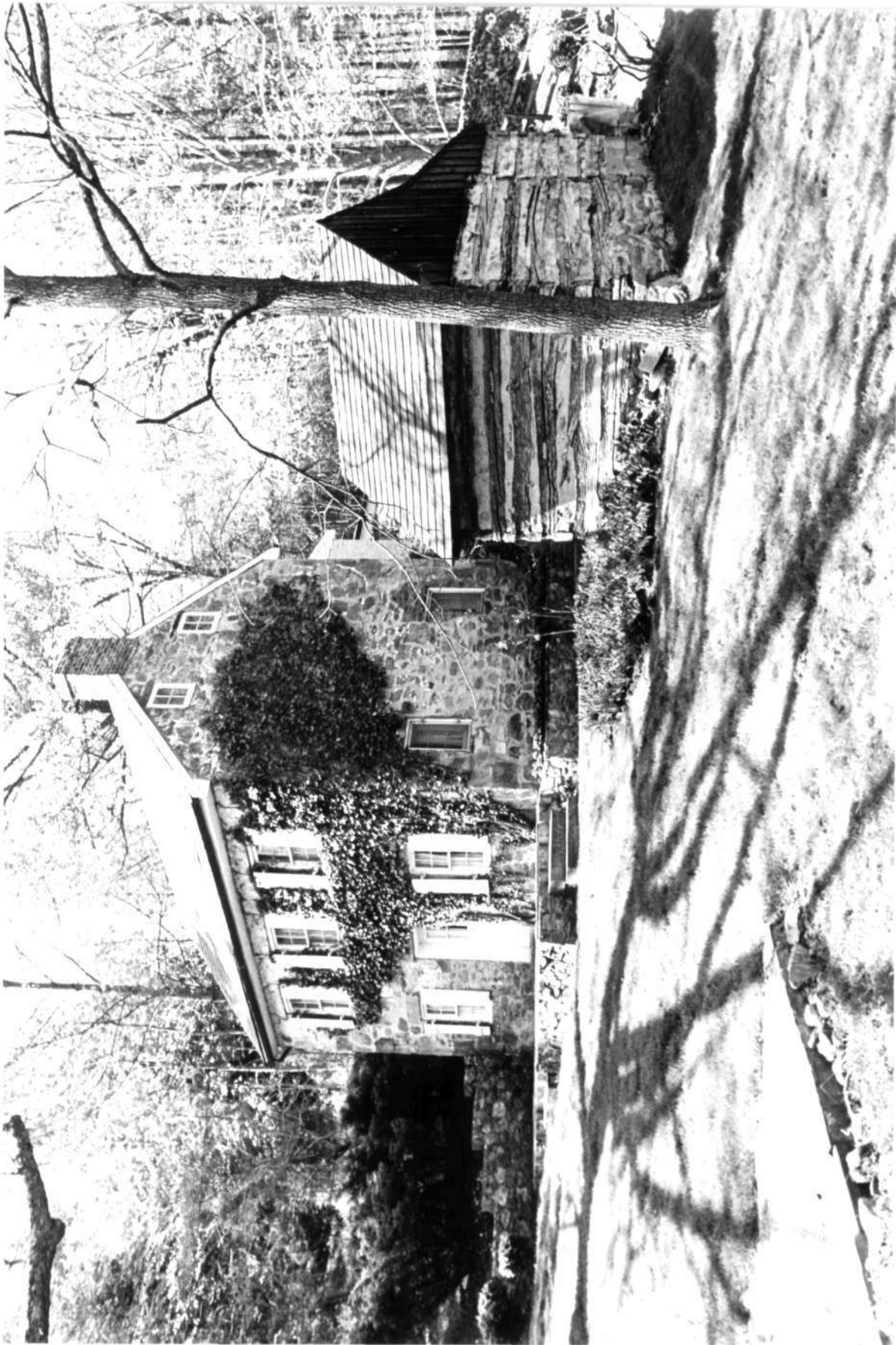
☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingsHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-single dwelling, outbuildingKnown Design Source: na



RUSSEL MAISEL HOUSE
 GLENELG
 HOWARD COUNTY

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Main House and log storage building
 from northeast

SCALE:

PREPARED: 5/77 JAC

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EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. MA

NORTH



RUSSEL MAISEL HOUSE
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Main house, southeast facade, ground level

SCALE: entrance detail

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RUSSEL MAISEL HOUSE
 GLENELG
 HOWARD COUNTY

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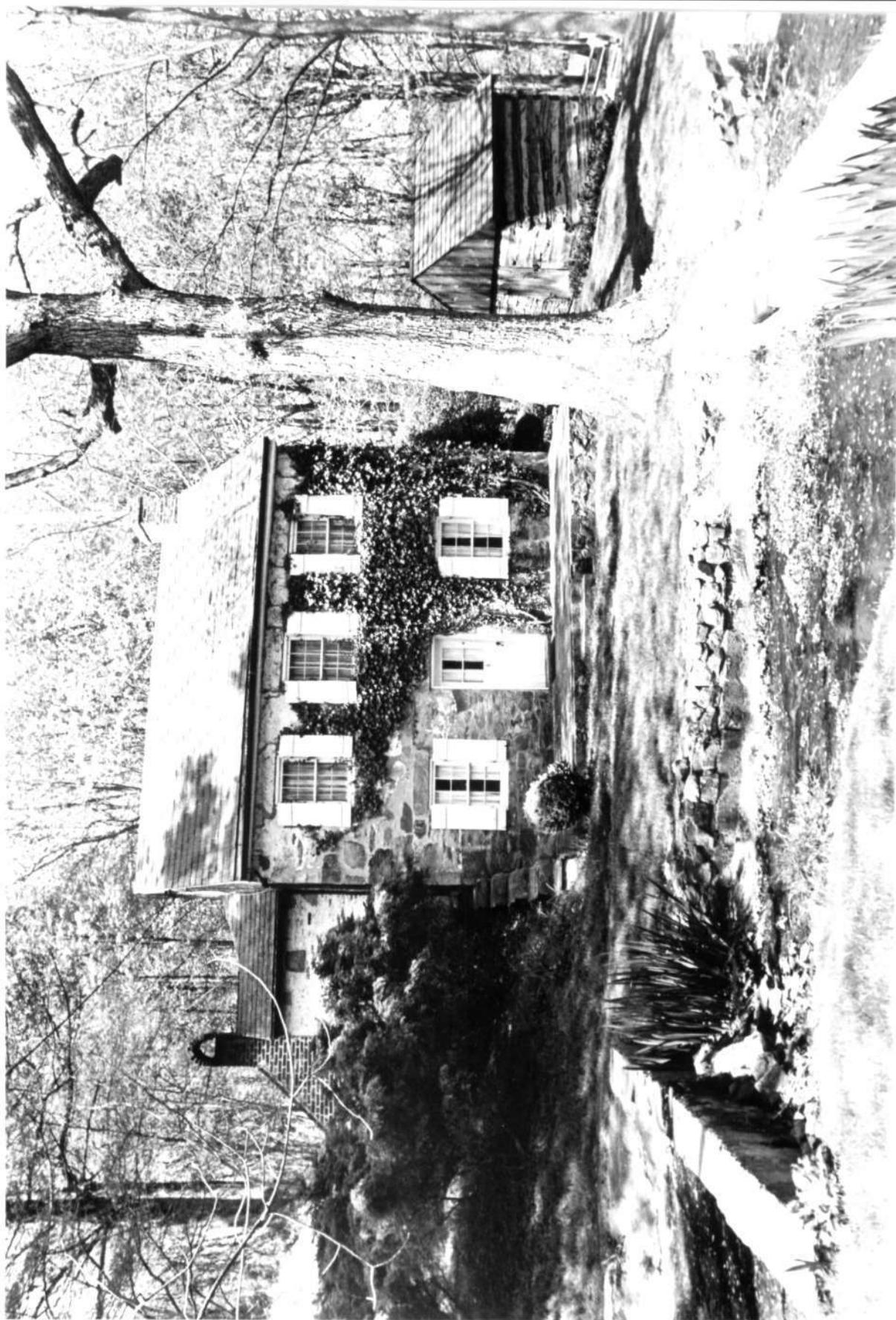
Main house, southeast facade from road

SCALE:

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RUSSEL MAISEL HOUSE
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Main house, southeast facade

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NORTH



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Main house from North

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Main house from southwest

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Main house from West

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Southeast yard showing spring ponds.

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Log storage building from southeast

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RUSSELL MAISEL'S STONE HOUSE

circa 1780

Glenelg

Private

This two and a half story stone structure, originally part of the Stephen Boone Dorsey property, is three bays wide and two bays deep facing east with gabled roof and bearing walls 22 inches thick. It is a fine example of vernacular architecture, typical of the modest stone houses which dot Howard County and were at one time attached to larger homes. Named for owner Russel Maissell, its future is uncertain, standing in the way of the flood plain of the Tridelphia Dam expansion.

Restoration of this structure was carefully executed by Mr. and Mrs. Russel Maisel who have maintained the integrity of this eighteenth century structure throughout its interior, giving thoughtful consideration to the placement of their west addition which in no way detracts from the east or front facade of the building.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Russell Maisel's Stone House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 15282 Roxbury Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Glenelg					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Russell Maisel					
STREET AND NUMBER: 15282 Roxbury Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Glenelg			STATE: Maryland		21737
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 15 p. 27					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21401

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>Russell Maisel's Stone House</p> <p>This two and a half story stone structure is two bays deep, three bays wide facing east with gabled roof and bearing walls 22 inches thick with upper walls 18 inches thick. Named for owner Russel Maisel, its future is uncertain and standing in the way of the flood plain of the Triadelphia Dam expansion.</p> <p>It has a central rectangular Dutch entrance door (battan wood door on bottom half, six lites on upper half) flanked by double-hung windows with six-over-six lites. Its north wall holds a wide central brick chimney inset into the wall. At one time it is said that the central second floor window used to be a door. Presently the second story of the east facade holds three similar windows with six-over-six lites and shutters.</p> <p>The north wall of the house holds a six lite casement window on either side of the chimney. On the first floor and a four lite square casement window on either side of the chimney on the third floor.</p> <p>A one story brick addition lies on the south wall with a brick chimney on its south wall. Previously a bath, it is now used as a utility room.</p> <p>The west wall central back entrance now leads into a one story kitchen-bedroom bath addition which runs along the entire west wall and extends west on the south bay. Constructed of brick which has been painted to complement the color of the stone, it is a pleasant addition to the living quarters which in no way detracts from the front facade of the building.</p> <p>The landscaping and stone terraces along the east and west facades of the house have been thoughtfully executed. A stone wall also runs along the east boundary of the Roxbury Road. The stonework, landscaping and well-placed west wing all add to the compact and tidy appearance of a well-cared for residence.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1780

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple structure is significant both architecturally and historically. Historically it belonged to Stephen Boone Dorsey in 1780. In the 1950's, it was owned by Walter Tobriner, Ambassador to Jamaica under the Johnson Administration who bought it in the early thirties from Stephen Boone Dorsey. Historically it served as available housing on the property for workers. In the early colonial period horse drawn wagons stopped at large houses to find a likely place to work and live. Small stone or log houses such as these used to dot the property of many of the large holdings of Howard County. Burleigh Gate House, Spring Hill Quarters and the Russell Maissell Stone House all are representative of these satellite buildings, now used as charming residences with additions thoughtfully arranged.

Architecturally it is a fine example of a small stone 18th century house. Increasing its value architecturally has been the thoughtful restoration of the house under Mr. & Mrs. Russel Maissel who have replaced rotting timbers with hand hewn timbers taken out of old structures.

The house nestles into a slope creating three stories on the east facade and two on the west facade.

The second floor is now the living room and the central back door enters into the new kitchen wing which has been added along the west wall of the house.

Originally this living room was two rooms and had an enclosed staircase which has now been opened up to create a more spacious room. The random width poplar floors with square nails are original to the house in the charming half story room in the gable.

Stone chimneys on the first and second floors hold original fireplaces.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Russell Maisel, 15282 Roxbury Road. September 9, 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 21, Blk 15
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Acreage 5.15

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning-Comprehensive Planning

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN:

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

21043

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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STONE HOUSE
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TAX MAP # 21

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CONNORS
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